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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Publicizes Medicare Rx Assistance Program for Seniors

*Kinder Chairs Missouri Rx Commission and serves as
Official Senior Advocate for State of Missouri*

Columbia- Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder kicked off a new Medicare Rx enrollment assistance program Monday at the Columbia Public Library. Counselors will be available to help access the information needed by seniors to choose the best prescription drug plan available to them through Medicare Rx. The assistance program starts today and will open every Monday through Monday December 19, 2005.

“This new benefit will ease the burden many of our seniors face regarding escalating prescription drug costs, and in most cases this will save them up to 50% of what they are spending now”, said Kinder. He added, “No senior should have to make the difficult choice of whether to fill that prescription or buy food or other necessities in their daily lives. This is the largest change to Medicare since its inception and there will be an adjustment period, but there is help available and I urge anyone who needs assistance to come here for one-on-one counseling or call the helpline for assistance.”

Counselors will be on hand to assist seniors and answer questions regarding enrollment in the new Medicare Rx program. Counselors will be at the Columbia Public Library, 100 W. Broadway, to meet one-on-one with seniors every Monday from 9:30am – 12:30pm through December 19, 2005. Assistance is also available on-line at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-390-3330.